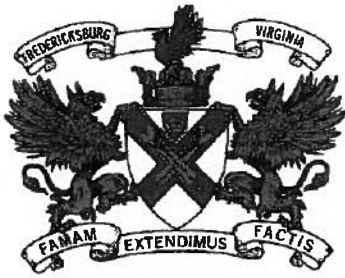


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MINUTES ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

July 12, 2010

7:30 P.M.

City Hall, Council Chambers
Fredericksburg, Virginia

MEMBERS

Robin Wood, Chair
Marilynn Mendell
Owen Lindauer
Jamie Scully
Donna Chasen
J. Gordon Brown

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lisa Peverill, Vice Chair

CITY STAFF

Erik Nelson, Senior Planner
Sheree Waddy, Recording Secretary

Ms. Wood called the Architectural Review Board to order at 7:30 p.m.

OPENING REMARKS

Ms. Wood determined that a quorum was present. Mr. Nelson stated that public notice requirements had been met.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Wood asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

Ms. Chasen made a motion to accept the agenda as submitted. Mr. Scully seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Ms. Wood asked if there were any changes to the June 14, 2010 meeting minutes.

Ms. Chasen made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Ms. Mendell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Wood asked if any board member had a conflict of interest or had participated in ex parte communications on any of the agenda items. No one said that they had.

APPLICATIONS – REGULAR AGENDA

1. 200 Lafayette Boulevard (The Bavarian Chef) - Sign

The applicant was represented by Christine Thalwitz.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Brown asked if the sign would be hung from the trim.

Ms. Thalwitz said yes, it would be installed with hooks and eyes.

Ms. Chasen clarified that it would not be attached to the brick.

Ms. Mendell commented that the sign could swing, possibly hitting the building. She asked if the applicant had considered making the sign smaller and placing it between the date medallions.

Ms. Chasen noted that the Board had previously decided that the sign should not be placed between the medallions.

Ms. Mendell said the proposed sign was too large for the space and appeared disproportionate.

Mr. Brown said that he appreciated the fact that the sign would not be attached to the bricks. He said he also appreciated that the sign could be easily removed.

Mr. Lindauer said that the proposed sign met the criteria set forth in Section 78-762 of the Code. He said he had no problem with the size, lettering, or placement and was not at all concerned about the sign swaying in the wind.

Mr. Lindauer said he found the proposed sign to be architecturally compatible with the historic aspects of the Historic District and made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness. Ms. Chasen seconded.

Ms. Mendell asked how far the sign would be from the wall.

Mr. Nelson said approximately eight to ten inches.

Mr. Scully said the sign would appear more proportional if it was raised approximately ten inches. He asked to amend the motion to include the condition that the sign be raised ten inches.

Mr. Lindauer and Ms. Chasen accepted the amendment.

Ms. Wood called for the vote. The motion carried 4-2, with Ms. Mendell and Mr. Brown opposed.

2. 1303 Caroline Street (Andi Gabler) - Sign

The applicant was present. Ms. Gabler explained that the sign was needed to help identify the property as a B&B for potential local clients.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Scully said he found the proposed sign to be architecturally compatible with the historic aspects of the Historic District and made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness. Ms. Mendell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3. 1300 Caroline Street (M. Catherine Moncure) – Exterior alterations to garage

The applicant was present.

There was no public comment.

Ms. Mendell said she found the proposed exterior alterations to the garage to be architecturally compatible with the historic aspects of the Historic District and made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness. Ms. Chasen seconded.

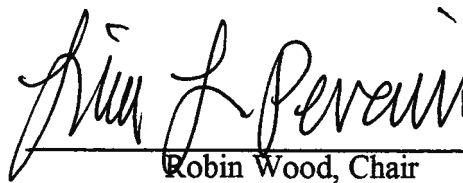
Mr. Lindauer said that he had no concerns with the proposed alterations and that the proposal was compatible with the criteria for alteration of an existing structure found in Section 78-759 of the Code, as outlined in the staff memo.

Ms. Wood called for the vote. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Planning Commission agenda – Mr. Nelson transmitted the Planning Commission agenda.
2. Resolution on visibility – Mr. Nelson said that with the Board's approval the resolution was ready to be forwarded to Council. Mr. Scully made a motion to approve the resolution as submitted. Ms. Chasen seconded. Mr. Lindauer commented that the resolution process had been good and reflected public comment, but he was not in agreement with the resolution and would not support it. He said he did not believe that the definition for public-right-of-way should be changed. In addition, Mr. Lindauer said defining visibility will be a major problem. He said the whole concept of viewsheds is very difficult. Ms. Mendell said she appreciated the work that staff has put into this project and that she also appreciated Mr. Lindauer's concerns, but would support the resolution as a good first step. Ms. Wood called for the vote. The motion carried 5-1, with Mr. Lindauer opposed.
3. Clock at Fredericksburg Area Museum – Mr. Nelson explained -that the Rotary Club wanted to present the City with the clock shown in the drawings. Ms. Mendell said that the clock had no context with the location. Ms. Chasen and Mr. Scully said they preferred the corner location for the clock. Mr. Brown agreed with Ms. Mendell that the clock had no context, but agreed the corner location would be preferable. Mr. Scully noted that a clock already existed one block away (corner of William and Caroline Street) on the Ulman's Jewelry building. The Board agreed that the clock would require a more encompassing design.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.


Robin Wood, Chair